

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An antenna assembly having an operating frequency and a vertical radiation pattern with a main lobe axis defining a downtilt angle with respect to the earth's surface. The antenna assembly comprises a plurality of antennas in first, second, and third antenna groups physically disposed along a backplane, the backplane having a longitudinal axis along which the antennas are disposed, and a phase adjustment mechanism electrically disposed between the first [second] and third antenna groups, such that adjustment of the phase adjustment mechanism results in variation of the vertical radiation pattern downtilt angle.

Please amend the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph on Col. 4 of the specification as follows, which paragraph extends from line 1 through line 13:

FIGS. 1 and 2 are side and front views, respectively, of an antenna assembly 100 in accordance with the present invention. The antenna assembly 100 comprises a plurality of antenna means such as antennas 101-105 arranged as first, second, and third antenna groups 115, 116, and 117. Antenna 101 alone forms the first antenna group 115, while antennas 102 and 103 form the second antenna group 116, and antennas 104 and 105 form the third antenna group 117. Phase adjustment means, such as a phase adjustment mechanism 108, is physically disposed between the second and third antenna groups 116, 117. Operation and effect of the phase adjustment mechanism 108 will be discussed in detail subsequently.